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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
TOGO

IPF:(1987-91) $ 24 377 000

(TOG/90/004) - Assistance in Project Preparation, Programming and Management

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	6 March 1991
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	A Directorate General of Planning and Development (DGPD) (Ministry of Planning)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 964 300 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$ 964 300

Project background

The above-mentioned project was conceived at the Round Table Donors' Conference in Geneva in May 1988 when the Government of Togo was made aware of the necessity to ameliorate both its absorption capacity of development credits and its economic management capacity. The Government recognizes the necessity to give greater importance to the realization of sectoral and thematic studies on the one hand and technical, financial and social feasibility studies on the other hand.

During the Round Table conference, the idea of a studies' fund was first discussed and UNDP made the commitment to assist the Government in setting up this fund with World Bank participation.

In June 1989 the World Bank established a "Public Pre-Investment Fund" amounting to five million dollars with the principal objective of realizing feasibility studies for public investment programmes (PIP). The Government feels the complementary need for sufficiently experienced civil servants at the managerial level capable of elaborating the terms of reference of feasibility studies retained by potential donors, of monitoring and controlling the quality of these studies, of making investigations and undertaking sectoral or thematic studies for diagnosing problems and identifying projects. The new system of planning - programming - budgeting introduced by the Government requires a sufficient mastery of all stages of management of project cycles by the managerial personnel of the public sector. UNDP's intervention through the present project is justified by the needs identified above whose satisfaction is considered a top priority by the Government.

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) facilitate the realization of studies; and (b) increase the national capacity of project cycle management by strengthening the institutional structures concerned through a comprehensive training programme. At the end of the project, the managerial personnel of the Directorate General of Planning and Development (DGPD) and those of the Planning Units in the technical ministries (14) will be capable of identifying project ideas corresponding to sectoral objectives, of elaborating the terms of reference of feasibility studies for submission to potential donors and of monitoring these studies undertaken by foreign experts/consultants.

The strategy chosen to attain the above-mentioned objectives is that of institution strengthening through a project team composed of an international expert, and both national and international consultants who will assist and train the managerial personnel of the DGPD and of the Planning Units in the technical ministries. Six national experts will reinforce these institutional structures and the best of them will be retained by the Government at the end of the project.

Inputs

UNDP will project a chief technical adviser (CTA) for 24 man-months, two international consultants for six man-months, national consultants for a total of 121 man-months and six full-time national experts for 216 man-months, as well as general service project personnel (one accountant, one secretary, and one driver); a subcontract to finance certain sectoral or thematic studies and investigations considered necessary for the identification of project ideas; training in the form of eight individual fellowships of 12 man-months each, and four seminars organized in the country; equipment including one vehicle, one computer (type PC AT), a typewriter and a photocopier; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	465 200
Subcontract	220 000
Training	141 200
Equipment	80 900
Miscellaneous	57 000
Total	964 300

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